

REMARKS

Claims 1-16 are now pending in this application. Claims 17-27 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 16 has been amended in response to the Examiner's objection over claim language as discussed below. In the Advisory Action mailed June 15, 2004, the Examiner refused to enter the amendments as set forth in the previous Response filed March 3, 2004. Applicant requests that the present Response and Amendment be entered as response to the final office action mailed February 28, 2004. The Response and Amendment place this application in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph

Claim 16

The Examiner rejected claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph , for being an omnibus type claim. Applicant has amended claim 16 to remove the phrase "as hereinbefore defined". Applicant asserts that amended claim 16 is in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Claims 23-27

The Examiner rejected claims 23-27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph , as being indefinite. Applicant has canceled claims 23-27, thus obviating the rejection.

35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner rejected claims 23-27 for improper claim format. Claims 23-27 have been canceled, thus removing the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully requests that the present amendments be entered and submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance. An early notification of such is requested.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney for discussion of any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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